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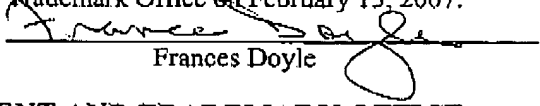
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In response to the Office Action dated November 14, 2006, Applicants hereby request to
amend the subject application as follows:

- I. Amendments to the claims appear on page 2 of this paper; and
- II. Remarks appear on page 5 of this paper.